(d) whether there is proposal to expand this scheme by MPEDA; and

(e) the steps proposed by MPEDA to expand and simplify this scheme to subsidise diesel and other fuel?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) No, Sir. The Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA) does not have any scheme to subsidise the prices of fuel oil used in fishing vessels in the country.

(b) to (e) In view of the above, questions do not arise.

India's share in World Farm Trade

1632. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to double India's share in World Farm Trade;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the amount of agro-exports of various products for the last three years, year-wise, item-wise and category-wise;

(c) whether there are any steps to index the export potential of different agricultural crops;

(d) if so, the details of such index prepared for various crops as on date; and

(e) the steps taken/to be taken as a perspective of agricultural export promotion policy to achieve the above goal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) and (b) In the Foreign Trade Policy announced on 31st August, 2004, the Government spelt out a vision to double India's share in the world trade within five years. As a thrust has been given to export of agricultural products, the Government has announced a Vishesh

Krishi Upaj Yojana with an objective to promote export of fruits, vegetables, flowers, minor forest produce and their value added products by incentivising exports of such products. In the Annual Supplement of the Foreign Trade Policy, the export of "dairy, poultry and their value added products" have also been included for the benefits under the Scheme.

The main agricultural products exported from India are rice, wheat, meat, poultry & dairy products, fruits & vegetables, nuts & seeds, tobacco & its products, spices, oil-meals, processed food etc. Value of agro-products (excluding marine products, tea, coffee, castor oil, shellac and cotton including waste) exported during the last three years, in dollar terms, is given below:

Year	Value in US$ (Million)
2002-2003	4674
2003-2004	5224
2004-2005*	5766

*Provisional

Product-wise/country-wise details of exports are available in the "Foreign Trade Statistics of India" compiled by the Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence & Statistics (DGCI&S), Kolkata.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) Developing new markets for exports is a continuous process for which Government constantly endeavors. The prospects for exports are periodically reviewed for preparing and implementing appropriate strategies. In order to ensure the growth of export of agro-products, the Government, through the Commodity Boards/Authorities and Export Promotion Councils has been providing assistance for conducting publicity campaigns, market surveys, sending delegations abroad, participating in international trade fairs, inviting potential buyers besides providing financial assistance for improving quality, packaging, brand promotion of the products etc.